

An Introduction to the U.S. Census Bureau

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Target uses statistical information from the American Community Survey (ACS) to understand more about communities and better serve their guests. The ACS provides detailed data on housing, housing values, people's incomes and more.

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U.S. Census Bureau Economic Indicators

Manufacturers' Goods December 2011 Report <i>Released 10:00 AM EST, 2/3/12</i>	\$466.2 B New Orders	 1.1%	  
Construction Spending December 2011 Report <i>Released 10:00 AM EST, 2/1/12</i>	\$816.4 B	 1.5%	  
Homeownership Rate 4th Quarter 2011 Report <i>Released 10:00 AM EST, 1/31/12</i>	66.0%	 0.3%PTS	  
New Residential Sales December 2011 Report <i>Released 10:00 AM EST, 1/26/12</i>	307,000 Single-family houses	 -2.2%	  

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QuickFacts

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Census News

Census Bureau Releases New Race and Ethnic Demographic Information from the 2010 Census for Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Washington
Thursday, February 09, 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau today released new, detailed demographic information from the 2010 Census for up to 331 ... [Read More](#)

2010 Annual Capital Expenditures
Wednesday, February 08, 2012

These data, based on the 2007 North American Industry Classification System, estimate business spending in 2010 for new ... [Read More](#)

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Stat of the Day

Voting Age Population

As of July 1, 2011, except for the District of Columbia at 83 percent, Maine had the highest percentage of voting age population (18+) at 79.7 percent.

Census Bureau Organization

- **Directorates and Divisions**

http://cww.census.gov/Directorate_Division.asp

- **12 Regional Offices**

<http://www.census.gov/regions/>

http://cww.census.gov/fld/ro/information/new_regional_structure.html

- **3 Call Centers**

<http://www.census.gov/aboutus/regions.html>



Major Programs

- **Decennial Census**
- **Economic Census**
- **Ongoing demographic & economic surveys**
- **Surveys for other agencies**

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Census Data Influence:

- **Apportionment**

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/apportionment-data.php>

- **Redistricting**

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/redistricting-data.php>

- **Funding of Federal, State and Local Government Programs**
- **Program Planning, Site Location, Marketing Decisions**



Data Dissemination

- **Internet (www.census.gov)**
- **Data Tools**
- **Social Media**
- **Printed Reports**
- **CD-ROM/DVD**

Data Dissemination Partners

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